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PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN REEDS SPRING IN AQUA MISSOURI RATE REQUEST

JEFFERSON CITY – The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **Reeds Spring** on **August 30, 2006** to receive customer comment on a water rate case filed by Aqua Missouri, Inc. (Aqua Missouri or the Company). The hearing schedule is set out below.

Tri-Lakes TCRC
University of Missouri Extension at Reeds Spring High School
ITV Room, 20277 State Highway 413
5:30 pm PSC Staff Information Session
6:00 pm local public hearing begins*

**** The local public hearing will be held from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm or until all those wishing to testify have had an opportunity to do so, whichever is sooner. The Commission will be video conferencing this public hearing with ones in Jefferson City and Point Lookout.***

This local public hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

Aqua Missouri is seeking to change its water and sewer rates for all of its 11 service areas in Cole, Pettis, Greene, Benton, Taney, Christian, Stone and Barry counties.

Examples of monthly customer bills for a residential customer in the Company's Lakewood Manor, LTA, Ozark Mountain, Rankin Acres, Riverside Estates and Spring Valley service areas that uses 5,000 gallons of water a month are set out in the table below. These example bills are based upon the Company's current rates and the rates agreed-upon by the Company and the PSC Staff that resulted from a Staff audit of the Company's books and records.

Service Area	Monthly Bill at Current Rates	Monthly Bill at Company & PSC Staff Agreed-Upon Rates
Lakewood Manor	\$15.71	\$38.20
LTA	\$14.41	\$24.32
Ozark Mountain	\$19.95	\$33.81
Rankin Acres	\$22.34	\$24.73
Riverside Estates	\$22.29	\$28.79
Spring Valley	\$22.58	\$41.19

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The rate case in which the increased rates are being considered is currently before the Public Service Commission. The five Commissioners have not yet decided this case.

Aqua Missouri provides water service to approximately 35 customers in its Lakewood Manor service area in Barry County near Shell Knob; approximately 100 customers in its LTA service area in Taney County near Branson; approximately 435 customers in its Ozark Mountain service area in Barry County near Shell Knob; approximately 90 water customers in its Rankin Acres service area in Greene County near Republic; approximately 250 customers in its Riverside Estates service area in Taney County near Branson; and approximately 120 water customers in its Spring Valley service area in Christian County near Ozark.